77 more hospitalised with dengue STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 77 dengue patients were admitted to different hospitals across country in the last 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

With the 77 new cases, total number of patients rose 3,097, according Directorate General of Health

Services. Among the patients, 380 are still undergoing treatment.

A total of 2,703 patients have been released from hospitals and 14 have died so far, said the Directorate General of Health Services.

Experts have warned the city corporations of a major outbreak of dengue virus this year compared to the last couple of years.

They also suggested that the city corporations take extensive measures immediately to control the Aedes mosquitoes.



A team presenting their project and their robot model to a judge at the "NACTAR Robotics Olympiad" held in Bogura for the first time

Robotics Olympiad held in Bogura for first time

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

National Academy for Computer Training and Research (NACTAR) organised "NACTAR Robotics Olympiad-22" for the first time in Bogura yesterday.

Around 331 participants, divided into 106 teams from 49 educational institutions, participated in the competitions in four categories -- Robo Soccer, Line Following Robotics Competition, Project Showcasing, and Poster Presentation.

The contest was held on the NACTAR premises in Bogura's Fultala area. Contestants were of two groups grade five to twelve and the university level.

Students of renowned universities Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), Dhaka University, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology and North South University (NSU) participated in the event.

Besides, students from many local institutions participated and exchanged their skills and experiences

Md Shafiul Islam, director of NACTAR, Bogura, said they organised this olympiad to introduce youngsters to technology. "Next time, we'll increase the number of categories," he said.

Md Mohsin, additional secretary of Technical and Madrasha Education Division of the education ministry, was present at the programme as chief guest. The winning team will get prize money of Tk 85,000 (Robo Soccer), Tk 60,000 (Line Following Robotics Competition), Tk 60,000 (Project Showcase-Senior), Tk 35,000 (Project Showcase-Junior), Tk 35,000 (Poster Presentation-Senior) and Tk 18,000 (Poster Presentation-Junior).

A dark day for commuters

passengers," he told The Daily Star.

Aslam, driver of a Bikolpo Paribahan bus, for an auto-rickshaw. But have decided not to bring out their buses today [Saturday] because of the fuel price hike."

Even though there is no official announcement of a bus fare hike, complaints of buses overcharging passengers were plentiful throughout the day.

Ashiq, a helper of Gabtali Link Paribahan, which plies Gabtoli-Jatrabari route, said, "We have increased bus fare by Tk 5 for all our routes due to the fuel price

Capitalising on the situation, rickshaw pullers and auto-rickshaw drivers started overcharging passengers too.

Ananyo Dey, a resident of the capital's Gandaria throughout the day. area, normally reaches his office at Paltan on a

pay Tk 120," he said.

Farmgate to Motijheel, spending Tk 250 to 300 a resident of the capital's Tejturibazar area.

Although the hike has not increased fares of people who were informally hiring motorcycles had to pay more.

Syed Islam, motorcyclist standing at Karwan Bazar intersection yesterday afternoon, said "Due to the hike, we had to increase the fare."

of commuters were seen waiting for buses at bus Kushtia's Chandona intersection, Salna, Rajendrapur, Masterbari, Joinabazar

Failing to board buses, Tk 100. "But today, I had to already jam-packed.

"I normally travel from of Tongi area, works in a garment factory at Bagherbazar area.

"Normally, I get a bus said, "Many bus owners today, I had to hire one for within five to 10 minutes. transport owners kept bus Tk 370," said Atiqur Islam, But today [yesterday], I couldn't do so even after waiting for over an hour. Then, I along with a few other passengers rented a ride-share companies yet, microbus and went to our workplaces," he said.

Uddin, transport leader in Gazipur, said many bus owners did not operate their buses due to the fuel price hike. In Pabna, bus operators

most of the routes without In Gazipur, hundreds any official announcement. "I used to travel from Bheramara stops at Board Bazar, upazila to Pabna town spending Tk 70. But the bus operator took Tk 100 Mawna from me today [Saturday],"

have increased fare for

schoolteacher.

said Muslima Khatun, a

Rafiqul Islam, a resident well as on different short sufferings to passengers. routes. Bus operators were seen overcharging

> passengers. In Narsingdi, most of the operation suspended due to the hike, causing untold

[Our correspondents from Gazipur, Pabna, Manikganj and a correspondent from Narsingdi contributed to

It's lower than

FROM PAGE 3

neighbouring countries did not provide such subsidy and as a result they had to raise the fuel prices long before Bangladesh, he added.

"India has been selling diesel at Tk 114 per liter and octane at Tk 134-135 per liter which is the current price in Bangladesh. As our price was lower, a huge amount of fuel was being smuggled to India through borders," he said.

He said in Kolkata, current diesel price is Tk In Manikganj, low 114 per liter (as per local many tried to cram into presence of buses prevailed currency) while Tk 112 in rickshaw and pays around human hauliers that were on Dhaka-Aricha and allover India. "In China, opportunity of the fuel Dhaka-Paturia highways as the diesel price is equal price hike," he said.

to Tk 118, in United Aram Emirates it is Tk 123, in Nepal it is Tk 127.82, in Indonesia Tk 138.24 and in Singapore Tk 189. 78," said the minister.

Regarding the increase in transport fares he said, if there are 70 percent passengers in a 50-seat bus the fare will increase by Tk 0.29 per kilometer only.

"Currently, a passenger has to pay Tk 1.80 per kilometer which will increase by Tk 2.90. Soon government will hold a meeting with all stakeholders to ensure that no one takes unfair

Ride-sharing riders in trouble

rate. In some cases, they offer even lower that."

Even though fewer buses were plying the city roads, passengers were still reluctant to travel via bikes, expecting a higher fare.

Billal, Monira passenger waiting Karwan Bazar intersection, said, "Usually, I pay Tk 120 to 150 for a ride from Karwan Bazar to Gulshan-1. But today, they've been asking Tk 200, which is way too much."

"How do I pay so much extra fare, while my salary still remains the same?" she asked.

government on Friday night hiked fuel prices by up to 51.7 percent. As per the new prices, a litre of octane now costs Tk 135, which was Tk 89 of each litre of diesel and kerosene increased to Tk not agree to pay extra in Transport Authority.

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A group of people, including bikers, brought out a torch procession in Shahbagh yesterday evening, protesting the fuel price hike.

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114 from Tk 80.

Belal Ahmed, general secretary of Dhaka Ride previously. Similarly, each Association, said, "The registered under Pathao, litre of petrol now costs authorities should adjust Uber, and Shohoz Rides Tk 130, a Tk 44 rise from the base fare in accordance in Dhaka city, according the previous rate. The price with the hiked fuel price. to a 2018 document Otherwise, passengers will

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addition to the fare shown in the apps."

There are more than one

Sharing Drivers lakh ride-sharing drivers Rangladesh

Can't find a single bus

"Failing to find any transport, I started walking from Muradpur. I have to go to CEPZ area. I couldn't find any vehicle. rickshaw-pullers usual fare."

Buses remained off city yesterday, following a movement of buses at various places.

Tarun Dasgupta, president of City Bus Owners Association, said few vehicles plied in the morning, but the bus service stopped since late afternoon. The drivers did to the high cost.

transport vehicles were seen plying, however, informed

passengers have accused decision. the drivers of overcharging.

worker who was waiting for a bus to go to EPZ I can't find any bus."

"I went to Ispahani city's Gate-2 area, as I had sudden strike by transport an urgent task there. It fuel price hike. During by a rickshaw whereas the strike, the transport it normally takes Tk 40 workers were obstructing to 50," said Mohammad Ibrahim, a resident of the

strike was taken on Friday night, said Belayet Hossain, president of Chattogram who plies New Market-Owners Group.

not want to drive buses due withdrew its decision because of the price hike. to stop public transport about

Belayet told Jamil Hossain, a garment Daily Star, "Dhaka Road Transport Owners Association will hold a waited for 30 minutes but from Dewanhat, said, "Bus meeting with Bangladesh services are suspended, but Road Transport Authority. work is open. We have to go In view of this, we have demanded three times the to office by any means. But withdrawn the decision to stop public transport."

The government last the roads in Chattogram intersection from the night raised prices of diesel and kerosene to Tk 114 per litre and that of petrol to owners to protest the took me Tk 90 to go there Tk 135, which is nearly 52 percent higher than the previous rate.

As the fuel prices shot up, owners of a number petrol pumps also The decision to start the refrained from selling fuel, said Belavet.

Ramjan Ali, a driver Metropolitan Transport Fatehabad route, said many bus owners have decided However, the association not to bring out vehicles

Usually, around 1,200 A few CNG-run public in Chattogram. Around buses and 600 human 2:30pm yesterday, they hauliers ply 17 routes in the

US Assistant

woman to serve as ITU Secretary General in the organization's 156 years of existence. Doreen Bogdan has an "unmatched record" of bringing the needs and ambitions of the developing world to the fore, Sison tweeted during her visit to

Bangladesh.

relationship with the United States," said foreign secretary Masud Bin Momen on Wednesday, adding that many issues can be discussed. He said they are known to each other and will be able to have "free and frank" discussion on many issues.

The US assistant secretary has already visited India and will go to Kuwait as part of her tri-nation visit from August 2-10. Sison will have consultations on a range of US multilateral priorities, including combating food insecurity, advancing global health, addressing human rights and humanitarian peacekeeping needs. and peacebuilding, and support for Rohingya refugees during her stay in

deepen their cooperation at the United Nations, and US support for the candidacy of Doreen Bogdan-Martin to become the next Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union, according to the US Department of State.

In meetings with civil society leaders, the US assistant secretary will exchange ideas on how the United States and other countries can collaborate achieving on Sustainable Development Goals.

Sison was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs on December 21, 2021.

She served as US Ambassador to Sri Lanka Maldives (2012-2014), US Ambassador to Lebanon (2008-2010). and US Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (2004-2008).

Daughter dies FROM PAGE 5

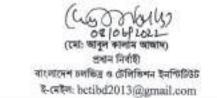
In the morning of July 26, Rafiqul's brother-in-law Delwar Hossain called 999, and around 11:00am, police recovered the unconscious bodies. On August 5, the mother and the other son recovered and were released from the hospital. Mofiz Uddin Ahmed,

deputy inspector general (DIG) of Sylhet Range "Police Police, said, are considering every possibility. All evidence is being forensically analysed at the laboratory and with the report, we are sure to crack the case soon."

इ-द्राहेणः betibd2013@gmail.com व्यावनाहिः www.beti.gov.bd ভারিদ। ৪ আপন্ট, ২০২২ লং- বাহটেই-২৪৯/প্রশানিজনার লিখন-৫/২০২২ / ১৯৩৬০ ৫ম চিত্রনাট্য লিখন প্রশিক্ষণ কোর্স 5th Script Writing Training Course বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র ও টেলিভিশন ইনম্টিটিউট-ও ৩৬ (ছাছ) সন্তাহ মেয়ানি 'ওম ডিব্রনাম লিখন প্রশিক্ষণ কোর্ম-এ ছর্তির জন্য

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Bangladesh can become investment, and advanced commodity crises. These

He requested western leaders to impose strong for trade likely to listen to the world action to mitigate the underpinned leadership.

repatriation process may include marine resource pose a security threat to the entire region and beyond.

Momen made proposals for ensuring some resilient strengthening cooperation, collaboration and shared among countries; research, recession, and food and after an autopsy.

technology He said delaying the change. The proposals also

energy hub in this region. Momen also highlighted FROM PAGE 5 key challenges, economic which include recurring cooperation in the region: waves of new variants of Covid-19, global turmoil due to conflict in Europe, what caused the heart

sharing challenges can only be promotion; adequately and effectively economic sanctions as rapid development of addressed through mutual Myanmar otherwise is not connectivity; and common trust and cooperation adverse impacts of climate multilateral arrangements like ARF, he said.

exploration and creating an Woman escapes

Gopinathpur

Parishad (UP) Chairman Abdul Matin Moll. Contacted, doctors said responsibility between and climate change, economic attack can be confirmed

Union

Bangladesh and the United States will "further follow up" the discussions that the two countries had over the last few months during her visit to

Dhaka's demand for withdrawal of sanctions on Rab and the Rohingya issue are also expected to be discussed during the visit.

"We have multi-faceted

Bangladesh.

Her meetings with senior government officials will focus on opportunities to